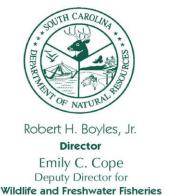
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## Natural Resources



## **Forest Products Sale Notice**

S.C. Department of Transportation, Hunting Creek Newberry County, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) will accept sealed, per ton bids for the sale of approximately 1898 tons of pine sawtimber, 2023 tons of pine chip-n-saw, 4964 tons of pine pulpwood, and 547 tons of hardwood pulpwood to be selectively thinned from approximately 100.8 acres of marked loblolly pine sawtimber stands. Removals will include all trees **except** those designated with a blue paint mark at eye level within the Marked-to-Leave Thinning areas. SCDNR does not guarantee these advertised volumes or acreages, and bidders are encouraged to make their own determinations.

The sale areas are part of, and located on a tract currently owned by the S.C Department of Transportation, in and around the Hunting Creek area, situated just to the north of the intersection of U.S. Hwy 176 and S.C. Hwy 121 in Newberry County, SC (approximately 13 miles north of the City of Newberry, SC). The sale areas lie to the east of S.C. Hwy 121/U.S. Hwy 176, and to the southwest of Wallace Road, and different units will be accessed from both of these roads. The S.C. Department of Natural Resources has an Agreement with SCDOT, which includes the timber rights associated with this Timber Sale. The attached sale maps are believed to be reliable and accurate, but are not absolutely guaranteed.

Bids will be accepted until <u>2:00 p.m. on January 18, 2023</u> at SCDNR Headquarters, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC – Room 202, at which time the bids will be publicly opened. Bids may be delivered to the opening; mailed to Gary Burger, Statewide Forester, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202; or e-mailed to <a href="mailed-to-burgerg@dnr.sc.gov">burgerg@dnr.sc.gov</a>. All bids should be signed by the bidder and clearly marked "Hunting Creek - SCDOT 2023 Timber Sale". NO VERBAL or FAX BIDS will be ACCEPTED. Mailed bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. on January 17, 2023. SCDNR reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The successful bidder will have 12 months to remove the timber and a \$10,000 performance bond in the form of a cashier's check or company check will be required within 10 days of notification of award. The performance bond will be held by SCDNR in a non-interest bearing account until satisfactory completion of the harvesting operation. Payments for timber removed, mill tickets, and settlement accountings will be mailed to SCDNR Headquarters in Columbia or delivered to Gary Burger on a weekly basis.

A pre-harvest conference between the successful bidder and SCDNR will be held prior to the commencement of harvest, and BMP compliance will be required. SCDNR advises bidders of their interest in protecting the plants, wildlife, educational, cultural, and aesthetic values that exist on the tract. All logging decks, equipment, felled trees, and debris will be confined to the sale area. Damage to adjoining areas and/or excessive damage to residual trees may incur assessment of damages to the buyer. No logging will be allowed when the ground is subject to rutting, but wet weather extensions may be granted for extensive delays. Existing internal roads will be utilized but must be left free of logging debris and in good condition. The return of the performance bond will be contingent on SCDNR's inspection of these conditions.

For further information contact Gary Burger at (803) 429-3900 or at the e-mail address above.

## Hunting Creek Timber Sale 2023

